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Dr Sir

I arrived here yesterday, after a very agreeable & pleasant Journey. I pursued the Route which you proposed, and found it still more delightful than I expected. At Coblence I paid the Landlord for your Map. he had entirely forgot it and says you are the best Man in the world for remembering it. As you recommended, I embarked at Coblence to avoid the mountainous Road; I found it slow ascending the Rhine, but was compensated by the romantic & picturesque [illegible] On my passage I visited the Vineyards at [illegible]berg. The wines were the most [illegible] I ever tasted. but I fear we can never [illegible]them in America: the keeper of the Cave of [illegible] Hochheim, tho' not well, told me the wine would cost four Shillings on the Spot. Altho' very much pressed in time Major Geismer prevailed on me to stay three days at Frankfort. he presented me at Court at Philisbourg, overwhelmed me with Civilities &c. by his attentions, rendered Frankfort so dear to me that I left it with much regret. It is a disagreeable circumstance incident to traveling that you are frequently obliged to give up in the first moments of enjoyment the most

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valuable Acquaintances this I felt more severely than ever parting with Major Geismar. He said much of the friendship which you shewed him whilst he was a Prisoner in Virginia and seem'd happy in having an Opportunity of being [illegible] of your friends. As you are familiar with the Country I have been travelling through I will not trouble you with an account of my Journey but will only add that I am sure it is not necessary to add that amongst your many friends and Admirers there is no one more sincerely so than

Your very much obliged
& humble Servant

John Rut[illegible]

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